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VIRGINIA'S WHEAT PRODUCERS EXPECT SMALLER CROP

The 2010 wheat crop is expected to total 11 million bushels, according to the initial season forecast just released by the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. If realized, production will be down 9 percent from 2009. Producers in the Commonwealth are expected to harvest 175,000 acres of wheat that will yield an average of 63 bushels per acre. As of early May, the majority of the wheat crop is in fair to good condition.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2009. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.9 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous year.

Hard Red Winter, at 960 million bushels, is up 5 percent from 2009. Soft Red Winter, at 283 million bushels, is down 30 percent from last year. White Winter is up 7 percent from last year and now totals 215 million bushels. Of this total, 17.0 million bushels are Hard White and 198 million bushels are Soft White.

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